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In re the Application of:

Hiroshi NAGAEDA, et al.

Serial No. 10061367

Group Art Unit:

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Examiner:

For: VARIABLE POLARIZATION PLANE ROTATOR AND OPTICAL DEVICE USING SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the pending claims and ADD new claims in accordance with the following:

A 3. A variable polarization plane rotator according to claim 1, further comprising a reflecting plate for reflecting light,

wherein said variable polarization plane rotator has a reflection type construction in which said input light beam output from an input side optical path is transmitted through said phase plate and said phase difference variable element in succession, to be reflected by said reflecting plate, and again transmitted through said phase difference variable element and said phase plate in succession, to be input to an output side optical path.